

**Question for written answer E-004365/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Coherence of the ‘My voice, my choice’ European Citizens’ Initiative with the principle of national sovereignty

In September 2025, European Citizens’ Initiative ‘My voice, my choice’ was submitted to the Commission, proposing the creation of a European financial mechanism to support women who want to terminate their pregnancy but are not allowed to do so in their country of residence, by helping them travel to another Member State in which abortion is legal.

According to the EU Treaties, competences in the field of public health and sexual and reproductive rights lie exclusively with Member States (Article 168(7) of the TFEU). The Commission itself has repeatedly reiterated the fact it does not have the jurisdiction to legislate in this area.

I therefore ask:

1. How does the Commission justify considering an initiative that, by proposing a financial fund linked to abortion access, could be interpreted as interfering with national competences and the principle of Member State sovereignty?
2. In the Commission’s view, could creating an economic mechanism of this kind lead to inequalities or regulatory competition between Member States, compromising legal certainty within the internal market and the EU’s institutional coherence?
3. What measures will the Commission take to guarantee respect for national legal frameworks and avoid potential conflicts in the cross-border funding of medical practices regulated differently in each country?

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